

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

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cl / 1. (Currently Amended) A method of menu-based remote control of external devices that are connected to an audio/video apparatus, comprising the steps of:

DX (a) displaying a first menu image including a first plurality of menu items, each of the first plurality of menu item items corresponding to each of the external device devices, such that one of a selected external device from the external devices is selected from the first plurality of menu items;

(b) requesting a second menu image from the selected external device that is selected from said menu a menu data, the second menu image including detailed a second plurality of menu items associated with operations of said the selected external device, each of the second plurality of menu items being arranged in a specific position region in the second menu image; and

(c) receiving the second menu image data for the detailed menu from said the selected external device and displaying the second menu image, the second menu image data being provided from the selected device being displayed without data conversion for constructing a menu screen performing an additional image construction process; and

(d) obtaining a position of a cursor on the second menu image in response to a user input and transmitting the position of the cursor to the selected external device, the selected external device performing an operation corresponding to one of the second plurality of menu items when the selected external device detects the position of the cursor within the specific position region of the one of the second plurality of menu items.

2. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 1, wherein each of the first plurality of menu item items ~~of said menu image in said step (a)~~ corresponds to each of the external devices that are connected to ~~said~~ the audio/video apparatus through an IEEE 1394 interface.

3. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of checking what external devices are connected through a common bus before ~~said~~ the step (a).

4. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 3, wherein ~~said~~ the checking step is performed in response to a user request of ~~said~~ the first menu image for selection of ~~said~~ the external devices.

5. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 3, wherein ~~said~~ the checking step is performed when communication with ~~said~~ the external devices through the common bus is possible.

6. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying a the one of the second plurality of menu item items differently from the other menu items of the second plurality of menu items on the second menu image ~~displayed in said step (c)~~ when a cursor is positioned over the one of the plurality of menu item items during the movement of the cursor.

7. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 6, wherein ~~said~~ the one of the second plurality of menu item items

over which ~~said~~ the cursor is positioned is displayed differently from other menu items of the second plurality of menu items on the basis of information about the positions of the second plurality of menu items on ~~said~~ the second menu image, said information being provided by ~~said~~ the selected external device.

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8. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting information about the current position of a cursor on the menu image displayed in said step (c) to said selected external device ~~when~~ , wherein the user input includes an entry of a selection key is entered by a user.

9. (Currently Amended) A The method of menu-based remote control of external devices that are connected to an audio/video apparatus, comprising the steps of:

(a) displaying a first menu image including at least a first menu items item, ~~each~~ the first menu item corresponding to ~~each~~ an external device, such that ~~one of the external devices~~ device is selected from the first menu item;

(b) requesting a second menu image from ~~to~~ the external device ~~that is selected from said menu a menu data~~, the second menu image including detailed at least a second menu items item associated with ~~operations~~ an operation of ~~said~~ the selected external device, the second menu item being arranged within a specific position region in the second menu image; and

(c) receiving the second menu image data ~~for the detailed menu~~ from ~~said~~ the external device and displaying the second menu image, the second menu image data being provided from the selected device being displayed without data conversion for constructing . menu screen performing an additional image construction process; and

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(d) obtaining ~~information about the~~ a position of a cursor on ~~said the second menu image of the detailed menu~~ in response to a user input and transmitting ~~said information~~ the position of the cursor to said the external device, the external device performing the operation corresponding to the second menu item when the external device detects the position of the cursor within the specific position region of the second menu item.

10. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 9, wherein ~~a the second menu item over which said cursor is positioned during the movement of said cursor~~ changes color and/or brightness when the external device detects the position of the cursor within the specific position region of the second menu item.

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11. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the user input includes an entry of a selection key by a user.

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12. (New) The method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of checking if the external device is connected through a common bus before the step (a).

13. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the checking step is performed in response to a user request of the first menu image for selection of the external device.

14. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the checking step is performed when communication with the external device through the common bus is possible.